

HOUSE RESOLUTION 266
By Tidwell

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Laura May of Hurricane Mills upon being named a Distinguished Finalist for the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Laura May, an esteemed resident of Hurricane Mills and a senior at Waverly Central High School, has been recognized as one of Tennessee's top student volunteers in the Prudential Spirit of Community Award's Ninth Annual Nationwide Program, which recognizes young people for outstanding community service; and

WHEREAS, for her exemplary public service, Laura was recognized as a Distinguished Finalist and one of this State's most committed youth volunteers in the 2004 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals to honor young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Laura May won this recognition for organizing a program which taught senior citizens basic computing skills; she obtained grant funding for new computer equipment and organized a group of teen volunteers to lead computer literacy workshops, teaching more than twenty senior citizens research, word processing, and e-mail techniques; and

WHEREAS, as a Distinguished Finalist, Ms. May will receive an engraved bronze medallion at a local ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Laura May epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of young people like Ms. May who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Laura May on being recognized as a Distinguished Finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, recognize her outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.